

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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From Enid's desk...

STEM Training

Sarah Waldrop, Education Programs Coordinator at the Science Museum of Virginia, presented three workshops for librarians and community members in Franklin, Fishersville, and King George. The evaluations from the workshops were very positive; many enjoyed the well-paced science challenges, the favorite being the rocket challenge. The workshop also highlighted the resources placed at the Blackwater Regional Library, Augusta County Library and L. E. Smoot Memorial Library. Unfortunately, we have had to reschedule the workshops in Bedford, Danville and Lebanon due to the weather. **The Bedford STEM Training Workshop has been rescheduled for March 27.** We will schedule the others in April.



Early Literacy Activity Centers

The first of the Early Literacy Activity Center Exchanges will be on March 16 at the Mechanicsville Branch Library. Northumberland has volunteered to host an exchange. I will be asking **Russell County Library** to host the Early Literacy Center Exchange with the soon to be scheduled STEM Training Workshop. **We are looking for libraries willing to host the exchanges for Mountain 6, Roanoke Area, Southside Area, Tidewater Area libraries, and northern Virginia.** Please let me know if you are interested. Hosting duties include setting up the room, planning for the refreshments and lunch and often arriving early to allow me time to bring in my materials. Ideally we would like to offer the exchanges in April. **Feel free to inventory your items and submit a form for missing or damaged items.**

Coaching Project

We are working with the Fairfax County Library to host a coaching workshop.

New Virginia Public Libraries Extranet / Scavenger Hunt

Library Development and Networking has updated its Extranet website. It is the same address, but we have moved things around and added some new features. To celebrate this new site we are hosting our annual scavenger hunt or as one participant renamed it "Bring it On."

The rules are simple. Answer questions, earn points and win prizes. **These are the rules for the 2015 scavenger hunt, which will focus on the new Library of Virginia Extranet.** We will keep a tally of the people participating and the points earned. The participants with the top points will receive bragging rights, a fabulous Hot Reads for Cold Nights mug, and an electronic badge.

We do reserve the rights to be tricky, vague and award bonus points when we please and to whom we please just to make thing fun. While we can be bribed with dark chocolate (no nuts), money (we would take it reluctantly) and promises of favors (we will remember them) ... but they will have not have any effect on your point total. The Scavenger Hunt will begin March 9.



Diane Cary, Children's Librarian at the Shenandoah County Library

Diane will be leaving Virginia. For me this is a good, yet sad good-bye. Diane has done some wonderful things for the Shenandoah County Library and will be missed. I always liked visiting Diane as there were always new things to see; new projects to talk about and Diane promoted a positive and welcoming attitude. **We wish her well on her new adventure.**

See attached about her Farewell Party.

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Thanks for the photos and information!

- ◇ Diane Cary, Shenandoah County Library
- ◇ JoAnn Wells, Virginia Department of Health



Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

March 12-14, 2015.....	Virginia State Reading Association Conference.....	Richmond
March 24-26, 2015.....	Virginia Head Start Association Conference	Abingdon
October 21-23, 2015.....	Virginia Library Association Annual Conference.....	Richmond

National Conferences

June 25-30, 2015.....	American Library Association Annual Conference	San Francisco
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Training

March 16, 2015.....	Music and Movement Workshop.....	Mechanicsville
March 18, 2015.....	Early Reading Instructional Strategies and Resources (VDOE & LVA).....	Richmond
March 20, 2015.....	Early Reading Instructional Strategies and Resources (VDOE & LVA).....	Charlottesville
March 27, 2015.....	STEM Workshop with Science Museum of Virginia.....	Bedford
March 31, 2015.....	Storytime Share-n-Tell.....	Martinsville
<i>To be rescheduled</i>	STEM Workshop with Science Museum of Virginia.....	Lebanon
<i>To be rescheduled</i>	STEM Workshop with Science Museum of Virginia.....	Danville

From Enid's desk*Continued from page 1***DaybyDayVa.org Website**

Katie Scherrer has submitted the final month of translation for the **DaybyDayVa.org** website. We still need to make a few changes to the website, but it looks like the project will be completed in March. Katie will then move on to translating the **Early Literacy Center Tip Cards** created by **Krista Dawson**, and the **Sing, Talk, Read, Write and Play Early Literacy Cards**.

Impact Study of the Summer Reading Program

We are currently reviewing the third and final reports for the Study on the Impact of the Summer Reading Program.

Summer Reading Program 2015 UPDATE

Banners for the summer reading program are being worked on. This year we will be collecting less information for the summer reading program: the registration form will include only first name, last name, age, grade, school district, school name, and library name. We have also added an optional field for a phone number.

The new templates with the iREAD banners will soon be pushed out to the libraries.

Those libraries using the **CSLP banners** will need to contact CSLP to have their names given to Evanced Summer Reader to have the banners loaded on their sites.

**Great Reading Adventure UPDATE**

Jason Roma, Webmaster at the Library of Virginia, has been working with the new summer reading program software – **Great Reading Adventure**. We are hosting and working with 6 library systems to test the program and to determine if it will meet the needs of Virginia's libraries for the 2016 summer reading program. Recently we learned that California Library Association is also hosting the Great Reading Adventure for a few of their libraries. We will be working and learning from those libraries as well. **One of the features of the Great Reading Adventure is the ease of adding banners.** This should allow libraries the ability to host 100 books Before Kindergarten with the libraries' own artwork, an adult winter reading program and other programs as creativity allows. **Yet as the software is hosted on the Library of Virginia's server, we will always need written permission by a copyright owner before their artwork is loaded.**

**National Poison Prevention Week
March 15-21, 2015**

We are working with the **JoAnn Wells, Virginia Department of Health**, to highlight one health related topic each month. For March, our focus is in **Poison Prevention**. Typically we will provide your library with a flyer to print and post in your library, links to resources, and we will craft a post for the LDND Facebook page. Attached you will find two flyers that include additional free resources you may request. These include a video, magnets, posters and other resource information.

**Summer Food Program**

We are working with California Library Association and Ohio State Library to encourage libraries to participate in the Summer Food Program. **We are working on a joint phone conference for those interested in offering or expanding a library summer food program.** The phone conference will include the USDA, libraries who have participated in the summer food program, and Share our Strength. **The tentative date for the phone conference is late afternoon on March 19.** More information to follow.

**Summer Reading Program Banners from iREAD.**

**Children's Programming @ Edinburg
Shenandoah County Library**

Good-Pie Party



Drop by to share sweet treats and memories with Miss Diane, who will be moving on to "new adventures" at a hospice and church in Tampa Bay area.

Crafts & cookies for the children!

Pie and punch for adults!

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Free Resources from Your Regional Poison Center

National Poison Prevention week is March 15-21, 2015. This a great opportunity to call attention to the problem of poisoning by reminding people to identify potential poison dangers in the home, take action to prevent poisonings, and respond if a poison emergency should occur.



Did you know?

- Nationwide, more people die from poisoning than from car accidents.
- Poisoning can happen to children, pets, or adults.
- The most common sources of poisoning are found in most households.
- Poisoning is preventable!



Libraries can help! Honor National Poison Prevention Week and help prevent poisoning in your community. Your regional poison center can supply you with the following FREE materials. Simply dial 1-800-222-1222 and ask to speak to the Educator.

- ◆ Items to distribute, including phone stickers, refrigerator magnets, and more.
- ◆ A copy of Spike's Poisoning Prevention Adventure, an 8 minute video for preschoolers.
- ◆ A copy of Poison Control in Action, a 12 minute video for adults (in both English and Spanish).
- ◆ Posters to make a display.
- ◆ Newsletters, articles, or other print materials.

The poison center is staffed by specially trained nurses and doctors who can tell you exactly what to do if someone swallowed or touched something harmful. The advice is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL, 24 hours a day, every single day. The toll free number works everywhere in the country: 1-800-222-1222. Much of the time, callers can be guided to treat the problem at home, avoiding a costly trip to the doctor.

Suggested Reading: Children's Books with Poison Prevention Messages

Clifford's Spring Clean-up by Norman Bridwell

Fiction. Watch out, it's spring cleaning time, Clifford style. Although Clifford uses his tongue to clean windows, a discussion about types of cleaners the mother probably uses, where she keeps them and how to use them and stay safe could start here. The book ends on an Earth Day message that encourages us to keep the outdoors clean and safe, also. Ages 3-8

Hog-Eye by Susan Meddaugh

Fiction. A little piggy gets caught by a big, bad wolf who makes plans for a tasty pig stew. Luckily, this is a resourceful little piggy who figures out the wolf cannot read, and uses this to her advantage. You'll have to read the book to find out how poison ivy saves the day. While in real life wolves don't own cookbooks and pigs don't talk, children *do* encourage each other to do things they shouldn't, like roll around in poison ivy. A discussion about what one does in that situation might be interesting. Ages 4-8

The Kid's Guide to First Aid by Karen Buhler

Nonfiction. This book covers a wide range of situations needing first aid, including insect bites and stings and poison ivy. Poison is specifically addressed on pages 99-103 with facts, first aid and activities. Ages 5-10

Let's Talk About Poison Ivy by Melanie Apel Gordon

Nonfiction. If you are planning a camping trip, or just plain curious, this book discusses how to identify poison ivy, how to prevent getting a rash, what the rash looks like and feels like, and how to best promote healing. Ages 4-8

Little Yau: a Fuzzhead tale by Janell Cannon

Fiction. Little Yau's friend has been poisoned and is very sick. With guidance from the elder Fuzzheads, Little Yau goes on a search to find the plant that will create an antidote to save Trau's life. Reinforces that poisons can make you sick, and that it is important to seek help so adults can treat the sickness. Ages 4-8

Poison! Beware! By Steve Skidmore

Nonfiction. Humorous illustrations accompany information about substances which are harmful, including bacteria, plants, animals and chemicals. Also instructs on what to do if someone does come into contact with poison. Ages 4-8

Poisoning by Alvin Silverstein

Nonfiction. For children who are, as the book says, "old enough to know it is dangerous to drink a bottle of cleaner." This book covers poisons found in the air, in foods, in animals and in plants. It instructs both on how to avoid poisons and first aid for treating someone who has been poisoned. Ages 4-8

Snow White

Fiction. There are many versions of this favorite fairy tale, but nearly all will contain a poisoned apple. Disaster befalls Snow White when she does not follow the instructions of the trusted dwarves and eats the apple. A well-placed discussion here will reinforce the notion that poisons can look innocuous.

Poisons Make You Sick

Fiction. By Dorothy Chlag. A little girl named Tammy explains why one should never put things in one's mouth. Great for PreK or early readers.